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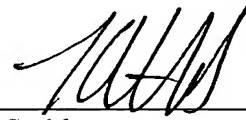
In accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit for the file the documents cited in a corresponding Chinese application and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The disclosure in U.S. Patent No. 5,999,277 incorporates an image forming apparatus which intends to control the document sheet in focus by making the CIS module contact tightly with the bottom surface of the sheet table while moving along the sheet table. In contrast, the present invention relates to a document pressing device which is provided such that the apparatus is rotatable with respect to the reading apparatus main body, and the restoration

forces of the plurality of elastic members generated by deformation when the document pressing device is closed with respect to the reading apparatus main body are set to be smaller such that the elastic members go apart from the center of rotation of the document pressing device. The document pressing device can be set in the proper position for pressing the document, and the operation force acting in the opening direction of the document pressing device can be decreased further.

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Chinese Search Report, issued on May 13, 2005 by The Patent Office of the People's Republic of China, in Application No. 03126395.X.

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